

Department of State Police 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB1392

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron** Lingamfelter

3. **Committee** Militia and Police

4. **Title** No fee for concealed firearm permit.

5. **Summary/Purpose:**

No fee for concealed firearm permit. Provides that the following need not pay a fee for a concealed firearm permit: (i) any person on active duty in good standing in the United States armed forces, National Guard or reserves of any service component, (ii) any retiree of any service component who has served 20 years of active duty in the United States armed forces, or (iii) any person who has served 30 years or more in the National Guard or in the Reserves of any service component.

6. **Fiscal Impact:** See item #8.

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** Yes

8. **Fiscal implications:**

The Department is unable to determine the fiscal impact of this proposal, due to the lack of exact data relating to the number of active and retired military personnel in the Commonwealth. It may well be that the number of active military personnel assigned to the various military bases and facilities in Virginia exceeds 500,000.

The Department currently enters approximately 20,000 permits per year into the Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN) using two 20-hour part-time positions. These positions are paid from the \$5.00 fee collected for the entry of this information.

Virginia has approximately 39 jurisdictions that have concealed handgun permit ordinances, requiring a fingerprint based criminal background check. The FBI charges \$24.00 for each of these checks. The permit fee is used to offset this cost. Absent a fee, the Department of State Police will be required to bear the burden of this cost.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected :**

All Virginia law enforcement agencies that conduct the criminal history background checks for the issuance of concealed handgun permits.

10. Technical amendment necessary :No.

11. Other comments: None

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